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LOBBYING REPORT

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1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

The Nickles Group, LLC

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 **601 13th St. NW**

Address2 **Suite 250 N**

City **Washington**

State **DC**

Zip Code **20005**

Country **USA**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City

State

Zip Code

Country

4a. Contact Name

b. Telephone Number

c. E-mail

5. Senate ID#

Brian Wild

☐ International Number

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7. Client Name ☐ Self

☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

6. House ID#

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TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year **2008**

Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☐

Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☐

Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☒

Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐

Termination Date

11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

12. Lobbying

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ **63,000.00**

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSE relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$

14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature

Filed Electronically

Date

10/17/2008

Printed Name and Title **Brian Wild, Vice President**

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code

AGR

AGRICULTURE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2419, The Farm Bill, issues related to competition and marketplace size; invasive weeds.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Executive Office of the President (EOP)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don	Nickles		U.S. Senator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

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15. General issue area code

CPT

COPYRIGHT/PATENT/TRADEMARK

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1908 / S. 1145, Patent Reform Act of 2007, all issues related to patent reform efforts and to patents in general.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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Cynthia	Merifield Tripodi		U.S. Senator Don Nickles, Legislative Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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FOO

FOOD INDUSTRY (SAFETY, LABELING, ETC.)

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Biotechnology acceptance, mandatory notification rule.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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FOR

FOREIGN RELATIONS

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Free trade agreements biosafety protocol.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Executive Office of the President (EOP), U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

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SCI

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Biotechnology research.

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TRD

TRADE (DOMESTIC/FOREIGN)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

European approvals of ag biotech.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

Executive Office of the President (EOP), Commerce - Dept of (DOC), U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

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LBR

LABOR ISSUES/ANTITRUST/WORKPLACE

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Antitrust

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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